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**COMMUNITY & PROVIDER FORUM: COVID-19**  
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00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:05.940 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

This is Winslow Woodland, Deputy Director for the

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Developmental Disabilities Administration for the Department of Disability Services.

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I'm sitting in for Director Andrew Reese today, who has a previous commitment.

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I like to welcome everyone. I like to just start off as a

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housekeeping note, we will not be having this forum next

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week nor the following week, which are both holidays we will be returning to this event on the 8th of January 2020, same time.

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So, let's jump right into it. I'm going to give

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the COVID data.

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Let me find my slide show here

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Okay.

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So, as of yesterday.

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We have a total of 329. I'm sorry 321

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people who have tested positive for COVID.

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Of that number sadly, 39 have expired.

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And we have confirmation that 2 of those 39 did not

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expire as a result of the COVID virus, and we have approximately 6 more, and we're

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pending determination as to whether their

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death was from COVID. These are people who had been considered recovered at the time that they expired, but at some point had a positive test for COVID-19. As you can see for the month of

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Well, let me give you the overall data, in Host Homes. **KIRK DOBSON** Are you planning to share the slides or are you just speak to them?

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00:02:06.959 --> 00:02:12.180 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Oh, sorry about that. Let me fix that right now.

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Hello.

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Can you see my screen now?

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00:02:44.069 --> 00:02:47.460 **KIRK DOBSON**

Yes sir.

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All right so. Let me see if I can move Matthew down a little bit. So we have

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5 people in Host Homes

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who've tested positive 103 in (ICF) intermediate care facilities one in a mental health facility  
31 in natural homes,

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2 in nursing homes, 3 in what we consider out of state placements.

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32 in residential habilitation settings and 144 in supported living settings and as you can see on the screen, we've had 25 cases

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in the month of December, we've had a slight uptick in the months of November and December. We have just a little bit better than halfway through December and we hope this slows down.

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This slide is a breakout of placement types. On the left,

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you have overall placements, so we have approximately 91 people in host homes,

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299 people in intermediate care facilities,

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and 7 what are called mental health facilities in natural homes

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we have 931. We have 8 in out of state placements.

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4 in natural homes and 110 in residential habilitation settings and 932

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in supported living, and then if you can see the pie chart on the right there's the corresponding number

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compared to the overall

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number of placements. Here you have a slide that breaks out the percentages of COVID cases. The blue lines are the number of people who have tested positive for COVID

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and the respective percentages relative to the overall number of people in that particular setting. In the middle, you have the death rate

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By placement type relative to the overall number of COVID positive cases. And then the confirmed death rate,

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that is people who we have confirmed that they have been related to COVID-19.

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On this slide, you show we show monthly the number of cases.

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Correlative to the placement type. So, in December, thankfully, we've had 0 cases in ICF and 0 cases and Res Hab and

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this number needs to be updated because we have 25 in the month and this doesn't equal 25 this is 21.



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so, there are 4 and my remembrance is, they all are supporting living. I'm sorry 3 in supported living 1 in host homes.

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And what we see here is that of the total number of people who tested positive.

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This says, COVID 10, but it's COVID-19. There are 121 people have required inpatient, hospitalization, relative to being diagnosed,

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and for the month we had 4 people who are currently in the hospital as a result

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of testing positive for COVID and of the people who've died from COVID the total of 29, we've had 2 deaths in the month of December, and you see, we had the biggest spike in the month of April.

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We're doing fairly well.

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0, 1, and 3 for September October and November and 2 so far in December.

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And this is a breakout of the number of people

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The deaths are confirmed, presumed to be related to COVID.

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And that would be it. I'm going to stop sharing my screen now,

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if I can see how...

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00:07:17.009 --> 00:07:22.559 **KIRK DOBSON**

I'll take that Winslow.

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00:07:22.559 --> 00:07:27.178 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

All right. Close that out for me.

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Okay.

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We were going to have a special treat for everyone, but right now there's some technical difficulty with the

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with the we had a special guest for you.



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What we're going to do now is to

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move into any questions that we have that have come in.

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So, if you could type your questions in the chat box, and we'll take them.

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All right, and my colleague Crystal Thomas is going to do me the favor of reading the questions.

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00:08:25.108 --> 00:08:26.514 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**  
All right good afternoon

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everyone I wanted to ask on the issue with (EVV) Electronic Visit Verification,

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00:08:31.644 --> 00:08:34.163  
Welcome Kit for providers. Providers,

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have been calling DHCF to request for the welcome kit but no response. According to the notice,

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all providers must begin implementation of the EVV system on January 21st.

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Please, how can DDS assist to ensure providers are not blamed?

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I believe we have Donald.

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00:08:59.009 --> 00:09:09.239 **DONALD CLARK**

Yes, good afternoon everyone I definitely advise any provider to avoid calling the EVV customer care and

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to email them at wdccustomer care@sandata.com I'll drop that in the chat box in addition to emailing them. Please CC me.

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Domino at Donald.Clark@dc.gov I have been attempting to making efforts to catch some of the emails going to EVV forwarding them to a contact

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I have at San data as well, which has been helpful. Another piece of information I would advise providers.

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Is to please join next week's DHCF's hosted EVV stakeholder meeting. That will be Monday the 21st 11:00 am to 12 PM.

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I will drop all this information in the chat box again. I definitely stress that you email customer care to keep your paper trail and cc me and I'll try to forward it to any additional contacts.

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There is a high volume of calls and emails going to

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San Data right now, and they're trying to do their best with responding in a timely fashion and I'm definitely trying to support our provider network to get responses that they need.

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00:10:31.464 --> 00:10:44.754 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Thank you Donald. In regards to the paycheck protection program we've heard that some guidance may have been provided to Medicaid providers about what expenses could be used to meet the PPP loan requirements,

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could you give any guidance on this?

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00:10:47.339 --> 00:10:51.808 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I am

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not versed in the paycheck protection program,

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00:10:55.403 --> 00:11:01.283 **KIRK DOBSON**

Winslow I can take this one. This is Kirk Dobson Deputy Director for QAPMA,

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so the paycheck protect program (PPP) is administered by the SBA as far as I know they haven't given any special guidance or released any guidance documents around Medicaid specifically,



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nor has the

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the Centers for Medicare,

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Medicaid services.

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So I really urge you to visit. [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) that's the Small Business Administration that administers that program.

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Thank you.

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00:11:31.403 --> 00:11:45.533 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Will CVS and/or Walgreen's staff, be visiting supported living settings to administer the COVID-19 vaccines as reported in other state? If not, could you speak on the locations and procedure to get persons supported

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And staff vaccinated. **WINSLOW WOODAND** that's a very good question.

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I've had multiple conversations on this issue and currently, unfortunately, supported living settings are not in the 1A priority group.

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It's my understanding that they will be in the 1B,

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as it relates specifically to the distribution of the vaccine,

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the initial vaccine that's delivered because of its need to be stored in particular manner,

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the majority of the administration, and the bulk of the administration

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of the vaccine will occur in hospitals, and there are pharmacies that have been identified within the respective community to support the administration of the vaccine in ICF's.

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We have been advocating vehemently for supported living and other settings as well as the staff for those settings.

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And it's my understanding from DC Health that DSP's are considered in the 1B.

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group, and also, it should be noted that 1A.

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We'll be running concurrently with 1B.

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so once 1A has started, that will not prevent 1B's administration from running concurrent to 1A. In terms of setting up the distribution



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We are working on that. And there is no what I would consider solid plan to date for supporting living settings and with regard to the ICFs settings

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those as reported to me, would be administered by pharmacies and localities, close proximity to the ICS.

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But as that information comes available in real time, we will be sharing it with all of our providers via our QAPMA email.

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We are working very hard to make sure that our target population is included in this distribution.

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00:14:04.078 --> 00:14:19.073 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

And for those who dialed in Donald Clark typed in the chat box to report technical issues with the EVV system or challenges with EVV training, please email [wdccustomer@sandata.com](mailto:wdccustomer@sandata.com)

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and cc Donald Clark at [Donald.clark@dc.gov](mailto:Donald.clark@dc.gov).

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In addition to that you can join the DHCF EVV stakeholder meeting, which is on Monday, December 21 at 11:00 am and I believe we lost our interpreter for a moment, there he is.

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Next stakeholder meeting for EVV is the 21st, from 11-12 and there's a link

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for that particular meeting.

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00:14:58.948 --> 00:15:09.989 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Next question has DC finalized its COVID vaccination plan? The one on DC's COVID website dated November 27th is stamped draft.

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I am not

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certain that we have someone on the call. Oh, I do see, Karen. Can we.

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Karen, can you speak to the fact that the plan on the website is loaded? Yeah. Hi, everyone.

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00:15:32.933 --> 00:15:42.953 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**

So the plan that is on the corona-virus website is still in draft form just because it's an ongoing plan.

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Winslow Thank you for speaking to the vaccine distribution.

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There was actually meeting that we had with the ICF's yesterday many of the ICF companies did log in to receive the information of how their employees

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should be,

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or will be vaccinated.

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And then that should be coming, hopefully in the next week or so.

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but the plan is going to remain a plan just because for right now we're still utilizing that same plan nothing has drastically changed,

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but any updates will be either via this forum

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or through correspondence with email or web-chats and things of that nature.

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So, it's still a valid plan, but yes, it is still in draft form because it's ongoing.

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00:16:42.869 --> 00:16:46.649 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**  
Thank you so much Karen. Glad you could join us.

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00:16:49.048 --> 00:16:59.428 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**  
Is the EVV implementation date January 21st or January 1st and the EVV implementation date is January 1st.

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Has D.C. finalized sorry read that question already.

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And just a note if everyone could submit questions to everyone in the drop-down box, so any questions please type them in a chat box.

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Hello.

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00:17:31.409 --> 00:17:36.659

Hello.

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00:18:12.713 --> 00:18:13.284 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Well since we have a sort of down moment

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kind of down moment, Daryl. Hi. How are you?

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Are you able to speak to

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testing the idea of test-based strategies and or

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Future testing for

00:18:35.604 --> 00:18:48.534 **DARYL HAWKINS**

I can speak about the 1st part and I will just this is a kind of a reminder. DC Health had last updated our transmission discontinuation,



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of transmission precautions for patients in healthcare facility settings last updated on September 15th but I will remind everyone

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That current evidence for COVID-19 suggests that reinfection is uncommon during the initial 90 days after

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symptom onset of a positive result, so because of that

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for patients recovered from COVID-19 infection, a positive PCR without any new symptoms during that 90-day timeframe

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is more likely to represent persistent shedding of viral RNE or

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rather than infection and so to translate D.C. Health does not

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recommends against using

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testing to clear individuals who are positive off of isolation.

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Our guidance provides a way to clear them using symptom-based strategy if they have symptoms or time-based strategy if they were asymptotically positive. But D.C. Health does not

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recommend testing individuals out of isolation or clearing them after they have been positive,

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and we do not also recommend testing individuals who have been positive within the last 12 weeks, which is, which aligns with that 90-day statement I just mentioned. And the reason for that is that individuals

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can continue to shed virus after they've been positive

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that is not infectious virus it is not viable, and therefore they can test positive for up to 90 days but that doesn't mean they're infectious.

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So,

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we certainly do not want individuals to be under isolation for longer than they need to be,

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which is one and second,

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we certainly do not want to use testing resources that should be used for individuals who are symptomatic who are newly positive,

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etc. and use those resources unnecessarily. If

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your facility decides to continue to do this.

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D. C. public health lab is

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because of those reasons that I just outlined will not support that kind of testing.

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You would have to find a commercial lab that's willing to do that, but we still strongly recommend

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and suggest you do not do test-based strategy testing to clear people who are positive off of isolation

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and I just want to reiterate that. I know we've mentioned that before multiple times, but

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that's really important as we see increasing cases and making sure that our testing turnaround time provides

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help to those that need it the most. Right? And not over utilizing our resources unnecessarily. Thank you.

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00:21:47.548 --> 00:21:51.479 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**  
Okay, yeah, I'd like to just

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Thank you again, Darrell for that information.

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Because resources are

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Important and we have to share them

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00:22:00.868 --> 00:22:07.409  
And in putting a burdens on testing Labs is a concern.

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00:22:07.409 --> 00:22:17.878  
We have a guest and I'm going to see if she's able to speak, Ashley are you able to use your microphone at this time?

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00:22:24.898 --> 00:22:31.378  
Sorry Ashley. All right well

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00:22:31.378 --> 00:22:44.398 **UNKNOWN**  
I believe they are getting her into her motion now they just her going. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** got okay. Okay. So, let me know when they're ready.

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let's see if there's any other good information that I can

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add.

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We also

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Would like to just

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Well, interestingly, there was a

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Discussion yesterday own monoclonal antibody therapy and what we recognized is that

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00:23:26.578 --> 00:23:34.288  
This is not a vaccine. Okay. So, ladies and gentlemen, we're going to take a moment and I like to

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first start by wishing happy, belated birthday to Ashley who's going to entertain us with a song and I would ask that you keep yourselves muted and enjoy

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00:23:47.548 --> 00:24:00.054  
this beautiful, selection by Ashley. Ashley's take it away. **BETH HENSON** Good afternoon. Just before Ashley starts Deputy Director.

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I just wanted to give a quick intro

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if that's okay from what we rehearsed yesterday. Okay, this is Beth Henson CEO of Azure Healthcare services. Good morning Miss Ashley. Good morning

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everyone we were asked or actually Director Reese asked Ashley to perform a song for choice today

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based on her super goal that she has at Azure for companion services.

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You know, music is not about singing music is about self-expression and love and joy and everything good.

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Have you ever cried and danced at the same time?

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Probably, not. When the Mayor started the COVID state of emergency, and when that went into effect.

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All of our lives changed in many ways.

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Let me introduce to you today, the Department on Disability Services, friends, family, everyone.

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This is Miss Ashley Lucas one of the people we support.

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Prior to COVID-19 Miss Lucas was very active in our community.

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And she loved performing and singing and writing poetry,

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and all sorts of wonderful things. Isn't that right Ashley?

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Looking beautiful today, but when Busboys and Poet's closed down,

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and when things changed, they Ashley could not get out there and do her thing.

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and so Azure came up with a super goal

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of voice lessons with Debora Bond.

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Debora bond is a local artist of international acclaim she's a performer herself and now she also teaches music because of COVID instead of performing as she often did. So, Ashley

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and Debora have gotten together and for weeks.

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They've been doing their beautiful singing lessons

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Together, Ashley, can you tell us a little bit about what your singing lesson means to you?

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And how it makes your days more meaningful?

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00:26:11.608 --> 00:26:15.898 **ASHLEY LUCAS**

Oh, I'm thinking I'm.

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00:26:15.898 --> 00:26:20.818

About Come Break my Heart. But I like that the

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It's so relaxing.

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00:26:24.449 --> 00:26:28.409

And it.

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00:26:28.409 --> 00:26:33.298 **BETH HENSON**

I'll see. Gotcha.

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00:26:33.298 --> 00:26:39.388

Well, I want to let you know that the mike is yours and the floor is yours.

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You gone ahead you and Deborah go on ahead and do your thing and happy holidays.

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Hi all right.

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Please without further ado miss Ashley Lucas.

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They have to know.

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00:27:04.709 --> 00:27:08.219 **BETH HENSON**

You can go on ahead. You can start your song.

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00:27:08.219 --> 00:27:11.818

Your music.

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00:27:11.818 --> 00:27:17.848

And happy, belated birthday.

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00:27:56.939 --> 00:28:00.929

Okay.

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00:28:04.763 --> 00:28:19.134 **DEBORAH BOND**

You have some technical issues? Yeah, I can if it's okay. I'd love to say a few quick words while they're getting things together. Sure. Hi. Everyone good afternoon.

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My name is Deborah Bond. I have had the pleasure of working with Ashley over the last several weeks. I'm also a singer performer around the D.C. area and beyond and teaming up with Ashley

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has been an absolute joy and honestly a true inspiration to me personally.

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We have had such a great time to bring it up about our voices this sister knows her music for and backwards and all the way through.

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She is a true artist and a true music-lover and I think that the connection that the two of us have gained over these weeks has just been beyond what I could have really imagined.

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So, it has been such a great time working with Ashley, and just seeing her come to life when she sings and letting her passion and her heart and her soul just shine through and a beautiful heart

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and soul she does have so I have just had, it's been an honor for me to work with her and to learn from her just as much as she may be learning from me. So I just got to let her know happy, belated birthday, Ashley.

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And also, I'm so proud of you and what you're doing and I can't wait for folks to hear you get your sing on.

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00:29:37.229 --> 00:29:41.939 **BETH HENSON**

Thank you so much to Deborah. Thank you so much for that.



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Ashley, I know this is frustrating, but this is what COVID gives us, you know, we're doing the very best that we can, but always remember we can overcome it.

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00:29:51.898 --> 00:30:01.499

We can overcome it. Absolutely. Would you like to say anything else to folks out there today? You want to give grandma shot out.

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Here comes the music.

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Okay.

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00:30:16.739 --> 00:30:22.048

Okay, can we get started we get.

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00:30:22.048 --> 00:30:27.538

There you go.

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All right Ashley you ready?

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00:30:43.888 --> 00:30:54.659

We're trying.

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00:31:05.483 --> 00:31:19.614 **BETH HENSON**

Well, we may have to, we may have to reschedule. We can't get it if we can't get it together.

**WINSLOW WOODLAND** All right well, Ashley, thank you very much for being here today.

And we greatly appreciate your presence.



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Whenever you're ready for us, we'll gladly schedule

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00:31:33.118 --> 00:31:37.528  
You.

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00:31:37.528 --> 00:31:48.449 **ASHLEY LUCAS (SINGING)**  
Good.

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00:31:48.449 --> 00:32:00.749  
I know.

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00:32:00.749 --> 00:32:05.068  
Bye.

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00:32:05.068 --> 00:32:11.249  
Hey, are you.

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00:32:11.249 --> 00:32:15.838  
Oh, wait AW.

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00:32:27.564 --> 00:32:28.493  
On that.

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00:32:37.409 --> 00:32:44.009  
Aw.

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00:32:44.009 --> 00:32:47.068



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Hello.

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00:32:47.068 --> 00:32:53.308

Good bye.

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00:32:53.308 --> 00:32:58.348

Huh.

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00:33:03.594 --> 00:33:05.634

Yea.

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00:33:15.028 --> 00:33:25.528

Oh, no.

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00:33:25.528 --> 00:33:38.608

Is there a well.

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00:33:38.608 --> 00:33:47.219

Hello.

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00:33:47.219 --> 00:33:59.338

Bye bye.

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00:34:02.909 --> 00:34:07.499

Hello.

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00:34:14.398 --> 00:34:23.219

Hi, Hello. Hey.

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00:34:23.219 --> 00:34:28.978  
Alright, let me.

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00:34:28.978 --> 00:34:29.248  
Yeah.

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00:34:58.018 --> 00:35:01.768  
Okay.

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00:35:01.768 --> 00:35:06.748  
Hey.

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00:35:06.748 --> 00:35:10.588  
Hello.

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00:35:18.719 --> 00:35:26.608  
Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello?

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00:35:26.608 --> 00:35:29.849  
Hello.

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00:35:29.849 --> 00:35:36.628  
Oh, good.

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00:35:36.628 --> 00:35:41.068  
I know that.  
APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE!!!! For Ashley!!!

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00:36:04.253 --> 00:36:15.384 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

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Ashley was wonderful. That was absolutely wonderful. And I just am so happy that you shared that with us today. Absolutely. Great job.

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Wow,

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Great work you guys have really been putting to work in one of the things that our Director has been saying with the meeting on ensuring people are having meaningful days during COVID making sure that people are having meaningful days during COVID

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engaging their lives as safely as possible.

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And, I don't know if you recognized by her staff clearly are seeking to protect her from the virus while they support her in her dream. And this is absolutely great. And I'm so glad that we had this opportunity. We on this call,

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mostly just talking about business and the virus, but we can do that and still enjoy life. And I love your tree house. Your house just looks really festive.

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00:37:03.594 --> 00:37:15.414

That makes me feel a bit slighted because I haven't really done much of anything Thank you so much and happy belated birthday.

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00:37:15.748 --> 00:37:18.958 **ASHLEY LUCAS**

Thank you.

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00:37:18.958 --> 00:37:29.489 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**



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Yeah, I wish I had a smile like yours I swear, because I don't smile a lot, but your smile is just brightening this whole

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forum up today. All right, well, thank you, Ashley. Gee. Know how to move.

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00:37:37.708 --> 00:37:42.028

Take care. All right.

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00:37:42.028 --> 00:37:48.869 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

How do we jump in after that performance? Right? That's what I was just thinking, but you know.

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We've got some minutes and if people have additional questions.

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And we have some questions Thank you, Ashley happy belated birthday. We enjoyed every moment of it.

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00:38:03.869 --> 00:38:08.909 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

So, moving forward, moving along.

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It's helpful to hear that a meeting has happened ICF providers regarding a distribution of vaccines. I'm wondering if there will be similar meetings scheduled with Res Hab providers in coming weeks?

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00:38:26.219 --> 00:38:33.119 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I have to defer to Ms. Stringfield if she is still on the call.



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The question was, will Res Habs who are also licensed, have similar meetings? if Karen is able to unmute and answer that.

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She may have left us, but we'll get that answer.

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And ensure that we share any updates that we have.

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That information was helpful, and it was also new to me and

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with regard to the ICFs.

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00:39:13.590 --> 00:39:19.590 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

I'm combing through all the comments. There are so many cheerleaders

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cheering Ashley on, so I am scrolling through.

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00:39:26.545 --> 00:39:35.545 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

There's one, Crystal, it says we are asked to have two negative tests to clear them so is this changing now?

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00:39:39.054 --> 00:39:52.525 **DARYL HAWKINS**

I can take that just to clarify to make sure that people are that it's clear. So, I will say for license healthcare facilities, such as ICF's or Chapter 35.

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for example, when you are, when DC Health reaches out to provide outbreak recommendations, we ask that, we end up doing serial testing.

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That's still does not apply to what I mentioned, because those are for individuals who have never, not tested positive in the last 12 weeks, and are not currently positive.

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So, if somebody is positive, DC Health from September has said that we discourage test base strategy.

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We do not recommend test base strategy to clear individual off isolation, I know primary care providers may ask, but please reeducate. You can refer them to our DC Health guidance in case

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they have not had a chance to see it and we are going to reiterate that to all providers in the District the same information that we're providing to all of you. So that there's some consistency across the board and all

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health care settings, and I hope that helps clarify that question. And if you have additional ones or follow up, whoever asks that, please put that in a chat. Thank you.

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00:41:07.284 --> 00:41:16.494 **KAREN STRINGFIELD???**

Hi, Winslow this is Karen. There was a question about the Res Habs receiving the information as well. **WINSLOW** Yes. In a similar fashion as the ICF. Thank you.

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00:41:16.494 --> 00:41:28.135 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**

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At this point, I do not have the schedule, for the CRF, companies will be in a meeting. However, that can change at any given point.

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As you can imagine we are having back to back meetings regarding the vaccine.

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I will kind of put that out as a filler with, with the head of the vaccine committee, and let you guys know of any changes that occur or any meetings that will be forthcoming.

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00:41:48.780 --> 00:42:02.190 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you for that Karen if we have any other questions, please type them into the chat. Yes, we have another question. **CRYSTAL THOMAS** Can we continue to bill for retainer payments until March 2021?

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**WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Well, that depends on how much of the utilization you have with the person.

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So, the retainer payment has a maximum of.

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30 days that can be built at least 3 what is described as episodes,

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and those are 90 days total,

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and we have given the guidance on this form as well as it is written in our transmittals.

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So,

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if you haven't used those 90 days up,

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you can bill,

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but if you use those 90 days up,

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you cannot bill and please note that we appreciate the pressures that day programs have been having during this period.

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And we've been in discussions in several forums or several circles if you would like to try to provide as much assistance as we can, we are also looking at.

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Other states in terms of options that they have used to support the day program. So, if your question was

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Well, if you believe that you could bill from the time of this pandemic, all the way through to 2021.

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You don't

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you can't,

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you can only bill for 90 days now if you started building the retainer once it was shared with you the guidance on how to do it and,

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you know,

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for those who had been billing from the onset they would have used that 90 days.

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by July, if they would have been billing the retainer for 5 days a week, we figured that it was 16 weeks total.

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I'm sorry.

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It was 18 weeks total. It's a total of 90 days.

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So, you can't just bill a retainer. It has a limit.

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So, I hope I answered that question.

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00:44:18.210 --> 00:44:22.500 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Okay, we have a few minutes left any additional questions?

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And I had requested if everyone could when you type your questions, in there is a drop-down box, if you highlight "everyone".

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Because there are some questions that are being submitted only to the attendees. So, that would be great. So that we can get your questions.

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00:45:31.079 --> 00:45:42.000 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Is there a way that we can retrieve questions that have gone to all attendees?

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Because I don't want to have anyone feel like they were left out.

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00:45:49.559 --> 00:45:59.489 **KIRK DOBSON**

Well, I mean, if there's anything that's in the, if any attendee has anything that's in the chat box, that hasn't been answered. Please just copy and paste it into the everyone box.

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00:46:03.775 --> 00:46:04.344 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Okay,

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we have another question,

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I'm writing to inquire about any guidance you might have regarding informed consent for COVID-19,

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testing for adults with ID as DCPS plans to return to

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in person instruction.

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We have concerns about adult age students who are asymptomatic and need a COVID test, but really.

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but cannot really consent to the test due to the nature of their disability. Are you aware of any guidance for this type of scenario with adult learners?

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00:46:35.760 --> 00:46:41.219 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I would suspect

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that the persons that are being referred to have a mechanism, I would suspect

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to obtain medical treatment otherwise unrelated to the pandemic.

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That's one point, the second point is that if the question is related to information on the vaccine, any type of information related directly to the vaccine itself. If that's the question, we're asking

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DC Health to support us in developing guidance on the vaccine itself so that people can make informed decisions. The unfortunate piece there is that there is not

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A whole lot of specific guidance around the vaccine as we are

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trying to share that, but if the question is, is the consent supporting this consent if it's about informed consent, we are working on information that we can provide

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To people, but if it's the actual consent,

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It's no different from any consent that that adult learner would need if they were having any other procedure from my knowledge.

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And,

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thirdly,

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and Karen,

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you will correct me if I'm wrong,

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the consents are being given straight to the manufacturers,

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as opposed to the clinics or pharmacies that are administering the vaccine.

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00:48:34.764 --> 00:48:49.465 **KAREN**

Winslow, I'm not really familiar with how the consents are working as far as I know that would be a facility base policy, I guess, or procedure whatever consents that you usually use.

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I guess that will be consistent across the board. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** Okay, so that's a note to

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ensure that we have that guidance.

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Because there are a number of

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issues as it relates to consent for this vaccine.

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the least of, which is that it went through emergency approval.

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Or emergency use authorization, so.

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there are they have been many questions circulating around

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the nation on this issue, and it was my understanding

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that the consent would go straight to the manufacturer, so I will follow up on that and make sure

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that we get that information out to you.

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00:49:55.679 --> 00:50:05.099 **MARK BACK**

Hey, Winslow it's Mark. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** I was hoping he would get my queue.

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00:50:06.179 --> 00:50:08.155 **MARK BACK**

Pardon? **WINSLOW WOODLAND** Nevermind, go ahead.

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00:50:08.815 --> 00:50:09.565 **MARK BACK**

So now,

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Neha and I were just chatting about the conversation that the question that was answered or asked about consent and it really is a situation that it's absolutely like,

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any other situation where consent is required to consent

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they have support decision making.



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They have a family member, or they have limited medical or general Guardian, it would be answered in terms of informed consent. Just as any other medical procedure would be. So, we absolutely concur with what you said.

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00:50:37.315 --> 00:50:50.755 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you Mark for those who don't know Mark Back is our agency General Counsel and Neha Patel who he referenced is his Deputy General Counsel, **MARK BACK** and the guru on these kinds of things.

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I saw that Sandy Bernstein is on here,

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and I'm not sure if Morgan is,

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but they all work together, and we've been making sure that people's rights during COVID are respected and that people understand what their rights are.

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So, thank you for asking that question. And thank you for your response and for **WINSLOW WOODLAND** and for those who Morgan Witlatch is the senior general counsel for the Quality Trust for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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And Sandy Bernstein is an attorney for Disability Rights, DC, University, Legal services.

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Our partners in the community who help keep us in line with.



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Ensuring that we are as a government overstepping people's rights, and also that we are

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current with regard to

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Legal needs necessary to people with IDD. Our lawyer is working with community-based lawyers, and they keep me and others in the agency who deal with program focused on the law.

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I see that it's like 1:02.

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And Crystal, if you could just scan and see that, there are no more questions. Let's see. We have two ore questions. Okay. **CRYSTAL THOMAS** Has any of the persons we serve receive the vaccine yet?

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00:52:19.650 --> 00:52:23.699 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

To my knowledge to no.

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00:52:25.739 --> 00:52:38.789 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

All right, day programs are trying to provide virtual programming to natural home persons. How can this work? What services are we to authorize to provide them and bill for our services?

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We have a lot of requests. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** Okay so the first thing, I would

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say, is that you need to engage the person's service coordinator and that service coordinator needs to work closely with

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Their supervisor because there was a number of issues that are of concern.

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You know,

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we know people need to be engaged,

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but we definitely have a concern that that engagement is thoughtful in terms of it being something the person who wants to do, that it can be done successfully to reach a goal.

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And 3rd, that the person has the capacity to benefit from the service. And then another consideration is you absolutely should expect that

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That would be very much so limited in terms of timeframe because no one's going. I would expect that. No one's going to sit in front of a computer for hours.

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To engage in terms of programming,

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you know,

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I don't know about you all,

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but I've been working from home for some time and it's rather,

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limiting and confining with regard to being able to engage with the world outside.

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Or even just like, at the office you can walk, around.

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But my point that I'm really trying to really focus on is I've heard this discussion framed in many ways, but I want to be clear, you know, we know that day programs want to get back to business.

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And we know the hardships that they have faced during this period, but I also know that, you know,

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the process of engaging, someone remotely has to be thought out and it can't just be a request from a family member without it being carefully thought out. And so I would expect that, you know,

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discussions are held about this, and I would suspect that service coordinators are seeking to guidance of DDA management.

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to ensure that they are thoughtful about this issue as it relates to considerations that they may not typically have to

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factor into approving and authorize on a service. I'd be happy to talk to whoever pros that question more to get to a cleaner answer for them.

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If that wasn't clean enough.

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00:55:20.219 --> 00:55:32.550 **KIRK DOBSON**

Thank you at this time, I think we're out of time for more questions. **WINSLOW WOODLAND**  
There was one more. **CRYSTAL THOMAS** Yeah, we have one more.

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From the CDC site,

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group includes all paid and unpaid person serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct

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indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and the healthcare settings include assisted living facilities and skilled nursing can

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DC, Health confirm if this includes our settings and DSPs.

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00:55:56.340 --> 00:56:00.750 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I'll leave that to if she's still on.

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Hello.

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If not the,

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the short answer is yes,

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but Karen could be more specific to the issue because I've been asking this question from the onset,

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as I say,

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we've been advocating vehemently for our staff to be in the front

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of getting this, because we know they leave their homes every day and place themselves at risk when they leave their homes. So.



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All right, folks will, we'll wrap this up. I just want to thank you for bearing with me today

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in place of Director Reese, he's a little smoother than I am running these forums.

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The other thing that I'd just like to say is, I hope everyone has a safe, happy holiday season, and we will be returning to this forum as a reminder January 8<sup>th</sup> at the same time. We won't be here next week or the following Friday.

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So, to take care, stay safe.